

Municipal District of Ballybay-Clones

Minutes of proceedings of monthly meeting of the Municipal District of Ballybay-Clones held on 14th June 2019 at 10.30am The Diamond, Clones , Co Monaghan.

Members Present The Cathaoirleach, Cllr Pat Treanor, presided

The following members were also present: - Cllrs: Sean Gilliland, Hugh McElvaney, Seamus Coyle and Richard Truell

In Attendance Aidge King Director of Services, Kevin McNally Municipal District Co-ordinator, Colin Murphy Executive Engineer, and Seamie Mc Mahon, Staff Officer.

Cllr Pat Treanor welcomed all to the meeting.

1. Confirmation of minutes of monthly meeting

Cllr Hughie McElvaney proposed the previous minutes; Cllr Richard Truell seconded the proposal and it was agreed by all.

2. Correspondence Sent

The correspondence sent was noted by all present.

3. Correspondence Received

Cllr Seamus Coyle spoke on the correspondence received regarding Home Support Services and stated that not one extra minute of service has been delivered since February. Cllr Pat Treanor proposed that this MD write to Minister Jim Daly outlining the local cases awaiting home help and demand that funding be made available. Cllr Sean Gilliland seconded and this was agreed by all. Cllr Hugh McElvaney felt that Monaghan County Council need to meet with a delegation from the HSE to discuss this serious issue. This was agreed by all.

The members acknowledged the letter from Gransha parent's association.

5. Municipal District Coordinators Report

Mr Kevin McNally gave his report:

Sliabh Beagh

The iconic sign proposed for a site in the vicinity of the penal cross in Knockatallon is nearly completed. We are hopeful of taking delivery of the iconic sign before the end of the month. Construction works for the base that the sign will be erected on and the installation of path to allow people to access the sign are nearly completed also. This project is now based in the Municipal District of Monaghan. The elected members of the Monaghan Municipal District have agreed to provide additional funding of €15,000 towards the completion of the project. This Municipal District has agreed to complete this element of the project.

Ballybay Town Park

A landscape architect has been appointed to prepare tender documents for the delivery of the scheme. It is envisaged that tenders for the construction aspect will be sought in early July with construction to commence in September.

Ballybay Courtyard project

A letter of acceptance has been issued to the preferred contractor for the construction of the access roadway and it is programmed that works will commence in mid-July. Letter of intent has been issued to a consultant to prepare a Masterplan. We are awaiting finalisation of the terms of the Rural Regeneration funding prior to making this appointment.

Clones Renewal Scheme update;

Monaghan County Council has received Stage 4 funding approval of €5.2 million from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government to appoint a contractor to begin construction of the Clones Renewal Scheme housing project.

The project consists of the demolition of 10 derelict properties at four locations on Fermanagh Street and two locations on Analore Street, Clones. In their place Monaghan County Council will construct 14 No. 2 Bed apartments, 5 No. 1 Bed apartments and 2 No. 3 Bed townhouses totalling in 19 new apartments and 2 new Townhouses.

Monaghan County Council expects to be in a position to appoint a contractor in June 2019 to begin works with a programmed construction period of 18 months.

Church Street, Ballybay

Monaghan County Council has received Stage 1 Funding Approval of €418,795 from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government to appoint a consultant to prepare design proposals for 2 No. 2 Bedroom town houses in place of the derelict property on Church Street, Ballybay.

Monaghan County Council will be in a position to appoint the architect/consultants before the end of this June 2019.

Mr Colin Murphy gave his report:

Roads Programme

Roadstone Contracts commenced works on the Municipal Districts roads programme on Wednesday 5th June 2019 and currently have the following roads completed:

- LP4007 at Lacken Bridge,
- LT80001 Drumhonnion Rd,

The sections of regional roads programmed for resurfacing will be completed once all the local roads are completed in all the MDs.

The surface dressing programme commenced in this Municipal District on the 13th May 2019 and is substantially complete. The weather prevented us from completing our works on the regional roads in Rockcorry. These roads will be completed later in the year.

Town & Village Renewal Funding

Latton - A contractor has been appointed and is hoped to begin works on 17th June 2019.

Scotshouse - The landscape Architect is finalising the design of the park with a view to going to tender by the middle of July

Outdoor Recreation Projects

Extension of footpath out to Famine Memorial Graveyard

The footpath and parking bays are complete. Outstanding works include fencing and slope re-grading.

Kingfisher Trail

New signage for the Kingfisher trail has been delivered and will be erected in due course. Three of the roads on the trail have been surface dressed and it is the intention to surface dress a further 5 roads on the trail when the surface dressing plant returns to the Municipal District.

Cannons Lane

Works are substantially complete; the fence should be complete this week and the road has been surfaced dressed.

Bunroe River

A contractor has been appointed for works on the Bunroe river. With the high level of rainfall last week commencement of works has been delayed until the water subsides.

The members thanked Mr Kevin McNally and Mr Colin Murphy for their reports.

Cllr Pat Treanor welcomed the funding for King Fisher Trail and for the roads damaged during the recent rally.

Cllr Seamus Coyle welcomed funding for Houses at Church St and the proposed Masterplan for the Ballybay Courtyards project and asked whether Pearse Place would be included; Mr Kevin McNally stated that it would be.

Cllr Seamus Coyle raised the issue of Fairgreen in Ballybay and stated that it needed to be cleaned up. Cllr Seamus Coyle asked about the Shercock to Ballybay rd, Mr Colin Murphy stated that works would begin in September.

Cllr Sean Gilliland welcomed the proposed works to Ballybay Park and asked for clarification on the derelict sites on Church St. Mr Kevin McNally stated that costs were high due to the location of the dwellings and that a greenfield site would be cheaper. Cllr Sean Gilliland said it was necessary to make the public aware of this. The members requested an update on the LIS and CIS schemes.

Cllr Hugh McElvaney asked that there would be a site visit to Church St before Julys MD meeting, Mr Kevin McNally agreed to arrange this. Cllr Hugh McElvaney asked about access from O Mahoney site to Castleblayney Rd. Mr Kevin McNally stated that there is currently only pedestrian access proposed but it was hoped that this would be included in the Master planning process.

Cllr Hugh McElvaney asked that information on the applications for the Outdoor Recreation Scheme to be circulated to members. Cllr Hugh McElvaney asked about Derryarat lane, Mr Colin Murphy stated that he has met with residents and that they intended to apply for funding under the CIS scheme.

Cllr Richard Truell asked for an update on Greenans Cross, Killeevan School and Eire Og projects, Mr Colin Murphy stated that a survey regarding realignment of Greenans Cross had been carried out and that the Councils Roads Section were in the process of preparing a design. Killeevan School will be included in the Low Cost Savings Scheme in 2020. Mr Murphy didn't have an update on the Eire Og project. Cllr Richard Truell asked that the possibility of safety signage at McEniffs cross, Mr Colin Murphy to investigate this.

6. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

Page 1 :- Cllr Sean Gilliland asked that Finbarr Daly be invited to the next meeting in Clones which is due to be held in September.

Page 2:- It was noted that Cllr Cathy Bennett had been nominated to represent the Monaghan MD on the BCEEP. Mr Kevin McNally also pointed out that the Monaghan MD had committed €15k to the Sliabh Beagh project.

Page 3:- Cllr Pat Treanor stated that further public lighting was need at Clonkeencole

Page 4:- Cllr Richard Truell asked for a breakdown of the spend for the Bunnoe project. Mr Colin Murphy stated that a lot of the proposed works were ineligible and that not all monies would be spent.

Page 4:- Cllr Pat Treanor asked for an update on the Oaklee project at Eannaigh Alta, Mr Kevin McNally stated that the MD would contact the housing section regarding this.

Page 5:- Cllr Hugh McElvaney asked for an update on verge cutting, Mr Colin Murphy stated that the National roads where currently been done and that cutting on regional roads would begin when they were completed

7. Chief Executive Orders

Chief Executive orders BCMD 35/19 to 50/19 were noted by the members.

8. Votes of Congratulations and Sympathy

Members extended a vote of Sympathy to the following:

- The Mc Mahon family Clones on the death of Gerry

That concluded the meeting.

Next meeting scheduled July 15th at 10.00pm.

Signed _____

Cathaoirleach

Signed _____

Meetings Administrator

Date

15/07/2019